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### **Press releases 2002–2006**

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This document contains the collected Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Affairs press releases from the period 1 January 2002–6 October 2006. These press releases have previously been published on [www.regeringen.se](http://www.regeringen.se) and were removed from the website on 6 October 2006 when a new Government took office.

The contact information in the press releases has largely been deleted since press secretaries and other staff have been replaced.

Links contained in the press releases have been deleted.

The press releases in the document have been sorted by date, starting with the most recent.

In total, there are 3 press releases from this period.

### **How to search the document**

You can search the press releases in the document using the Adobe Reader search function. The search function is generally marked with a binoculars icon on the tool bar. You can search using any word of your choice, but to simplify your search the press releases contain the following key words:

- Minister
- Ministry
- Subject

## **PRESS RELEASE**

2006-07-03

Prime Minister's Office  
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries  
Ministry of Health and Social Affairs  
Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU  
Ministry of Defence  
Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs  
Ministry of Finance  
Ministry of Sustainable Development  
Office for Administrative Affairs  
Ministry of Education, Research and Culture  
Ministry of Justice

## **Improved usability and accessibility on [www.sweden.gov.se](http://www.sweden.gov.se)**

In July 2006, some changes will be made to the design of the [www.regeringen.se](http://www.regeringen.se) and [www.sweden.gov.se](http://www.sweden.gov.se) websites. The new design is the result of a systematic effort to improve usability and accessibility. The changes are based on such things as user tests and validation of HTML and style sheets.

In connection with the launch in July, the text version of the website will be discontinued. Instead, the level of customisation on the entire website will be increased in accordance with WAI guidelines. Visitors to the website will be able to select their own preferences, such as choice of font or background colour.

Content on the websites is validated XHTML 1.0 Strict, and Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) 2.0. The website has a fluid design, which means that all proportions are relative to the text size used.

The changes being made will not affect the URL addresses; links to material on the websites will still work after the launch.

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Key word: 66638 Communications, IT

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

2005-03-22

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

## **Government invites food industry to talks**

Ann-Christin Nykvist, Minister for Agriculture, Food and Consumer Affairs, and Thomas Östros, Minister for Industry and Trade, have invited the food industry to talks on Tuesday 22 March.

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#### **TIME AND PLACE**

##### **PRESS CONFERENCE**

Tuesday 22 March, at 14.00

Lilla pressrummet, Rosenbad

Please bring your press credentials.

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The invitation has gone to a number of food companies, representatives of the food industry and trade union organisations. The discussions are a follow-up of the talks held in the autumn of 2003. They will mainly focus on how to increase food exports.

Swedish food exports have more than tripled over the past ten years. In 2004 they increased by 9 per cent and were valued at more than SEK 30 billion. However, there is still potential to increase exports in the food industry. Food exports are still low compared to exports from many other industries.

A press conference with both ministers will be held on Tuesday 22 March.

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Key word: 41211 Industry, trade, regional development Foreign policy and international cooperation Ann-Christin Nykvist

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#### **PRESS RELEASE**

2004-10-25

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

## **Improved conditions for animal transports are necessary**

- It is my strong belief that to improve conditions for the animals we need to have adequate rules with clear requirements regarding vehicles, journey times, space, fodder and water. Have sufficient rules on the training of those handling animals in transport and have rules that guarantee effective and efficient supervision of compliance.

Ann-Christin Nykvist Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer affairs said at a seminar on animal transports in Stockholm today.

- I can see no reason to transport animals long distances to slaughter. Animals should be slaughtered close to the farms and the meat transported in refrigerated vehicles.

- Last April the ministers of agriculture agreed on the need to enhance education and controls, but

unfortunately could not agree on how to improve rules concerning maximum journey times, resting periods and allocated space for the animals being transported.

- But this cannot mean that we should wait before improving the rules on which there is agreement. We must as soon as possible agree on improved rules at EU level on mandatory controls of animal transport.

- We also have to agree on rules for compulsory training of drivers transporting the animals and of the accompanying animal keepers. We are also in need of clear and uniform systems in order to ensure compliance with the rules.

- This first step must then be followed by continued and intensified work to prevent unnecessary long transport distances and to enhance the rules on journey times, resting periods and rules governing the space allocated in vehicles.

- It is obvious that consumers are beginning to consider animal welfare as a part of what they consider to be good quality food. Therefore the consumers hold, to a great extent the key to the future.

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In 2002–2006 the following ministers, ministries and subjects were referred to on [www.regeringen.se](http://www.regeringen.se):

#### Ministers

Göran Persson, Ann-Christin Nykvist, Barbro Holmberg, Berit Andnor, Bosse Ringholm, Carin Jämtin, Hans Karlsson, Ibrahim Baylan, Jan Eliasson, Jens Orback, Leif Pagrotsky, Lena Hallengren, Lena Sommestad, Leni Björklund, Mona Sahlin, Morgan Johansson, Pär Nuder, Sven-Erik Österberg, Thomas Bodström, Thomas Östros, Ulrica Messing, Ylva Johansson, Laila Freivalds, Gunnar Lund, Lars-Erik Lövdén, Lars Engqvist, Marita Ulvskog, Anna Lindh, Margareta Winberg and Jan O Karlsson.

#### Ministries

The Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Education, Research and Culture, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Affairs, the Ministry of Sustainable Development, the Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications, the Ministry of Education and Science, the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of the Environment and The Permanent Representation of Sweden to the European Union.

#### Subjects

Agriculture, forestry, fisheries  
 Asylum, migration, integration, minorities  
 Central, regional and local government  
 Communications, IT  
 Culture, the media, leisure activities  
 Defence, emergency management and safety  
 Democracy and human rights  
 Education and research  
 Employment and gender equality  
 Environment, energy and housing  
 EU  
 Foreign policy and international cooperation  
 Health care, health, social issues/insurance  
 Industry, trade, regional development  
 Legislation and justice  
 National economy and budget  
 Sustainable development